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**AAAS Statement on Bipartisan Approval to Raise U.S. Budget Caps FY 2020-21**

“We thank Congress and President Trump for approving the recent bipartisan agreement to raise discretionary funding caps for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. This vital action is needed to allow policymakers the flexibility to provide critical investments in our nation’s scientific research, which enables economic development and prosperity. Difficult decisions remain as Congress works to complete appropriations for fiscal year 2020. AAAS and the scientific community urge Congress and the White House to continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to finalize appropriations that reflect strong support for science and engineering research and its critical importance to U.S. innovation and discovery.”

— Alan I. Leshner, interim chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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